

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 are pending. Claims 48 and 52 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 21, 28, 36, 46, 47, 50, 51, and 53-56 have been amended. No new matter has been entered.

5 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, 43-47, and 49-56 remain.

The amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal and may be admitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

10 Claims 15 and 16 were previously canceled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite clusters stored in a storage to represent concepts and terms extracted from a set of documents and no longer recite “multi-dimensional data” or “a two-dimensional visual display area of the memory.” Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 23-25. Claims 28
15 and 36 have been amended to recite clusters in a storage and no longer recite “multi-dimensional data in a memory” or “a two-dimensional visual display area of the memory.” Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 13-15 and 23-25. The remaining dependent claims have been amended in similar fashion. As the written description requirement is met,
20 withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 15 and 16 were previously canceled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to respectively recite a placement module to place the set of the stored
25 clusters into a grouping and placing the set of the stored clusters into a grouping. The amendments clarify that “set” is used as a noun and that “to place” and “placing” both refer to placing the set of clusters into a grouping. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-8 and page 12, lines 11-18. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to respectively recite a
30 placement module to place the clusters into a grouping and placing the clusters

into a grouping. Support for the amendments can also be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-8 and page 12, lines 11-18. As the claims are definite, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is requested.

5 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

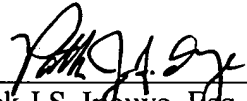
 Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to respectively recite a display and visualization module to display the grouping via a display on an output device and displaying the grouping via a display on an output device. The amendments
10 clarify that the clusters are actually displayed. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-10 and page 12, lines 25-28, and page 14, line 25-page 15, line 11. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to respectively recite a display and visualization module to display the clusters via a display on an output device and displaying the clusters via a display on an output device. The
15 amendments also clarify that the clusters are actually displayed. Support for the amendments can similarly be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-10 and page 12, lines 25-28, and page 14, line 25-page 15, line 11. As the claims recite statutory subject matter, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is requested.

20 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, 43-47, and 49-56 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested. Reconsideration of the claims, withdrawal of the finality of the Office action and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated
25 with the present matter.

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